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President Obama on Thursday announced changes to streamline the way the government handles potential terror threats. **GETTY IMAGES PHOTO**

BLAME GAME

OBAMA ABSORBS RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY LAPSSES THAT LED TO CHRISTMAS AIRPLANE TERROR ATTEMPT

Associated Press

President Obama declared Thursday "the buck stops with me" for the nation's security and suggested he would not fire anyone for the Christmas attack on a Detroit-bound airliner. Security lapses that led to the near-disaster were not the fault of a single individual or agency, he said, vowing they would be corrected.

Obama didn't tell intelligence officials to change what they're doing. Instead, he told them to do it better and faster. He left it to them to figure out how.

He said anew that the government had the information which might have prevented the botched attack but failed to piece it together. He announced about a dozen changes designed to fix that, including new terror watch list guidelines, wider and quicker distribution of intelligence reports, stronger analysis of those reports, international partnerships and an interagency effort to develop next-generation airport screening technologies.

While Obama promised improved security, his solutions were laced with bureaucratic reshuffling.

IN OTHER NEWS ...

» Yemen on Thursday said the Nigerian accused of trying to blow up a U.S. airliner may have met with a radical U.S.-born cleric who previously had contact with the alleged Fort Hood shooter.

» A surveillance video released Thursday shows a guard leaving his post at Newark Airport, allowing a man to sneak into the terminal without going through security, which disrupted flights at the airport Jan. 3.

Americans might be surprised that the government was not already taking some of the steps Obama ordered. For instance, he directed the intelligence community to begin assigning direct responsibility for following up leads on high-priority threats.

Obama himself hinted at the difficulties of improving intelligence and security against a terrorist network that devises new methods as fast as or faster than the U.S. can come up with defenses.

"There is, of course, no foolproof solution," he said. "We have to stay one step ahead of a nimble adversary."

He spoke from the State Dining Room at the White House, his remarks delayed twice as officials scrambled to declassify a six-page summary of a report he'd ordered from top officials on the security failures. That summary was released immediately after he spoke.

"When the system fails, it is my responsibility," Obama said.

The White House is anxious to resolve and move beyond the issue, which threatens to damage the president politically and distract further from his agenda.

Republicans have pointed to the attack and Obama's handling of it to criticize him as weak on national security—a perennial election-season charge against Democrats that sometimes has been effective in the past.

Clearly aware of the potential political fallout, Obama struck a tough tone toward the anti-terror fight, taking the rare step—for him—of calling it a "war."

"We are at war, we are at war against al-Qaida," he said. "We will do whatever it takes to defeat them."



A member of the St. Louis Fire Department pushes a person to an ambulance Thursday in the wake of a shooting. **AP PHOTO**

Plant worker guns down 3, then kills self

New York Times News Service

A factory worker who was suing his employer opened fire Thursday morning at an electrical equipment plant in St. Louis, killing three co-workers before apparently taking his own life, St. Louis fire and police officials said. Five other people were wounded.

Armed with an assault rifle, a shotgun and a handgun, the gunman began shooting in the parking lot and continued inside the ABB Power plant, officials said.

Four men were pronounced dead at the scene, police said at a news conference Thursday afternoon. Two bodies were found in the parking lot, and two inside the building.

"We are pretty confident that the shooter is deceased," said police Chief Daniel Isom. Two other shooting victims were in critical condition and two were in fair condition at a local hospital, and one was treated and discharged, police officials said. All five of the wounded were men.

Police said they were awaiting confirmation of gunman's identity from his family before releasing his name. St. Louis news media identified the gunman as Timothy Hendron, 51. A police official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, confirmed the name.

Hendron was one of four named plaintiffs in a class-action lawsuit filed against ABB in 2006, in a dispute over the company's pension fund. According to the complaint, ABB's pension fund managers assessed fees that were "unreasonable and excessive," and without plaintiffs' knowledge.

The plaintiffs had sought to recover financial losses, and the trial had just begun this week in federal court in Kansas City, Mo.

"We're not really sure what the motivation of the shooting was," Isom said at the news conference. "It will take a long time for us to put together the pieces." According to Isom, the gunman opened fire around 6:30 a.m. and sent employees racing for cover in closets, under desks and on the roof, where wind chills dropped dangerously below zero.

Police officers and firefighters entered the building about 6:45 a.m., and found two bodies inside, but were not immediately sure whether one was the gunman.

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Making 'Shore' they'll have fun

Obviously, my prayers to the pop gods have gone unanswered.

Nobody can stop the phenom known as "Jersey Shore."

Even sweet, adorable actor Michael Cera succumbed to MTV's stereotypical siren song, recently posing with the show's (ahem) celebrities, sporting spiky hair, though skin far too fair to pass for one of the posse.

The sight of him scarfing down a slice with J-Woww nearly shriveled my soul. You think that's bad? Somebody hide the spray-tan.

The juicehead juggernauts are coming to Chicago.

Pauly D and The Situation touch down locally at Lumen on Jan. 15, according to the Tribune, with self-dubbed "guidette" Snooki set to make a cameo at Manor that same night.

My initial instinct was to grab some posters and protest this obnoxious invasion, but the fact remains: The "Jersey Shore" arrival is as imminent as snow in Chicago.

We might as well show them a good time, while keeping them out of some of the trouble that makes their show must-see TV. Here are some tourist tips to make them feel at home. Visit redeyechicago.com/kylesfiles to see an extended itinerary and offer your own ideas.

Culture club

There is one positive thing I can say about Pauly D. He may sport a "Dragonball Z" 'do and consistently pick up The Situation's scraps on the dating scene, but at least the man is into his Italian culture. In a recent episode, I noted that almost every piece of his DJ equipment was bedecked with Italian flags. Hopefully, his thirst for cultural knowledge will lead to a tour of The Italian Cultural Institute of Chicago. As a bonus, perhaps a curator can persuade the D-man to expunge the terms "guido" and "guidette" from this cast-mates' vulgar vocabularies.

Fighting words

There are some serious smack-downs on the show, the most egregious of which involved a brute punching Snooki, Debo-style. That's why I'm sure the unlikely celebs will want to prep for their next barroom brawl. Pauly D and The Situation could take a lesson at Jabb boxing gym in the Tri-Taylor area. For Snooki, I recommend tamer fighting fare in the Hottie Body Boxing class at Flirty Girl Fitness Chicago. Lest history repeat itself, I insist she wear a mask.

Name game

The Situation likes putting his name on everything from T-shirts to women's panties. He might be interested to know the Windy City offers plenty of places where he can build on that trend. Galaxy Embroidery on the West Side assured me they have the tools and technology to accommodate anyone who wants to play the name game on different items. That should keep The Situation satisfied until it's time to hunt for hot-tub trollops armed with a nectar known as Ron Ron Juice.

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Passengers at an O'Hare parking lot make their way through heavy snow Thursday to the terminals. **ALEX GARCIA/Tribune Photo**

The sky is falling!

Snowstorm bogs down drivers, cancels flights

Chicago Tribune

Area snow plows will be on high alert trying to ensure a smooth commute Friday morning, as a lake-effect storm continues to heap snow on the Chicago area.

The sometimes-heavy snowfall is expected to drop 2 to 4 inches of snow on Chicago before moving to northwest Indiana by mid-day, although more is possible, according to the National Weather Service. Lingering snowfall through the weekend could leave a total of 13 to 15 inches along the lake from the Wisconsin to Michigan borders by Saturday, the weather service said.

The lake-effect storm is a second wave of snow to hit the city after more than 3 inches fell Thursday.

In preparation for worsening conditions, more than 500 flights were grounded at Chicago's

MMM, SYRUP

United ramp serviceman Darren Keating got a full taste of nontoxic de-icer Thursday while standing on the tarmac at O'Hare, spraying propylene glycol on the right engine and underbelly of an Airbus A320 that was headed to Cancun, Mexico.

A thick cloud from the de-icing fluid enveloped Keating as he coated the aircraft.

"It tastes sweet, like pancake syrup," Keating, who lives in Tinley Park, said later. Propylene glycol, which has low toxicity, is biodegradable and a form of it even is used as an ingredient in some soda drinks.

In fact, some de-icing crew members said the chemical tastes more like Dr Pepper or Mountain Dew than syrup. **TRIBUNE**

airports. The Chicago Department of Aviation reported more than 400 canceled flights at O'Hare and more than 100 canceled flights at Midway.

Chicago's full fleet of 275 trucks were deployed, most of them on side streets during

the Thursday evening rush hour.

Still, near-constant snowfall during the day bogged down traffic for a number of unlucky travelers. Traffic problems mounted as the day progressed, with a steadily increasing number of spinouts and other accidents. No serious injuries had been reported.

Robert Hernandez, 38, drove his wife, Alicia, 43, to work downtown Thursday morning from their home in the Archer Heights neighborhood. She usually drives herself, but he worried about her traveling by herself in the snow.

The normally 30-minute commute took them nearly 90, but the couple did get to share a goodbye kiss on Michigan Avenue.

It took 44-year-old Jon Timpe at least a half-hour to travel about 1½ miles to work. He was waiting for a bus at St. Clair Street and Grand Avenue for more than 20 minutes, and no unoccupied cabs were passing by.

"It just never showed up," he said at 9 a.m., the time he normally starts work. "And I see no bus on the horizon, either."

Pilots in crash identified

The pilot who died Tuesday when a small cargo jet crashed in a northwest suburban forest preserve was identified Thursday as a 38-year-old Pontiac, Mich., man. The dead co-pilot was identified as a 40-year-old from Osceola County, Mich. Pilot Stephen Ellis was identified using cards in his possession, as well as fingerprint records, according to a statement by the Cook County Forest Preserve Police. The co-pilot was identified by authorities as Ryan Daenzer.

Mayor replaces top aide

Mayor Daley on Thursday replaced his chief of staff, who engineered the parking meter lease deal that led to an uproar over soaring rates and faulty equipment. Daley heaped praise on his outgoing top aide, Paul Volpe, but acknowledged that both he and Volpe share blame for the parking meter snafu. Daley, who has changed his chief of staff often during his tenure, announced the latest shuffle on a day dominated by news of a snowstorm.

Daley on transit case

Mayor Daley on Thursday said a federal lawsuit alleging racial bias in funding for the Chicago Transit Authority will shine a light on inadequate subsidies for the city's public transportation. The mayor said the CTA is definitely getting short shrift when state subsidies are doled out. "I don't know what [the funding disparity] is for, but you have to figure out there's really a lack of funding for the CTA over many, many years," Daley said.

CIA agent remembered

Friends and teachers of a Rockford woman reacted with surprise and sadness Thursday after she was identified as one of several CIA agents killed last week in a suicide bombing in Afghanistan. Elizabeth Hanson, a 1997 graduate of Keith Country Day School in Rockford, was one of the seven CIA employees killed in a suicide bombing at a remote base near the Pakistan-Afghanistan border, The Associated Press reported.

Blackwater arrests

Two former Blackwater contractors were arrested Thursday on murder charges in the shootings of two Afghans after a traffic accident last year, according to an indictment. Meanwhile, the security firm formerly known as Blackwater has reached a settlement in a series of federal lawsuits in which dozens of Iraqis accused the company of cultivating a reckless culture that allowed innocent civilians to be killed.



AP PHOTO

Highway tragedy

1 (Above) The Ohio Highway Patrol says a tractor-trailer jackknifed and swerved into oncoming traffic Thursday near Springfield, colliding with a bus transporting disabled passengers and killing four adults in the bus.

Biden joins ailing mom

2 Vice President Joe Biden left Washington on Thursday to spend time with his ailing mother in Wilmington, Del., where other members of his family already had gathered. Jean Finnegan Biden, 92, became seriously ill in recent days.

Kennedy endorsement

3 Edward Kennedy's widow has formally endorsed Massachusetts Atty. Gen. Martha Coakley in the race for her late husband's U.S. Senate seat.

Family praises bomber

4 A Jordanian doctor-turned-suicide bomber who killed seven CIA employees at a base in Afghanistan is regarded by his family as a martyr in Islam's holy war against the U.S., his wife said Thursday.

Alleged plot to kill mother

5 A high school student in Houston told investigators he hired a schoolmate to kill his mother because she was too strict, police said Thursday in announcing murder charges against the two.

THE DIGIT

\$290,000

A Swiss court has slapped a wealthy speeder with a chalet-size fine—a full \$290,000. Judges in St. Gallen based the record-breaking fine on the speeder's estimated wealth of over \$20 million.

EPA proposes smog cuts

6 **WASHINGTON** The Environmental Protection Agency on Thursday proposed stricter health standards for smog, replacing a Bush-era limit that ran counter to scientific recommendations.

The new limits—which are presented as a range—will likely put hundreds more counties nationwide in violation, a designation that will require them to find additional ways to clamp down on pollution or face government sanctions, most likely the loss of federal highway dollars.

The tighter standards will cost tens of billions of dollars to implement, but ultimately will save billions of dollars in avoided emergency room visits, premature deaths and

THE SMOG MONSTER

Smog is a respiratory irritant that has been linked to asthma attacks and other respiratory illnesses. It is formed when emissions from burning gasoline, power and chemical plants, refineries and other factories mix in sunlight.

missed work and school days, the EPA said.

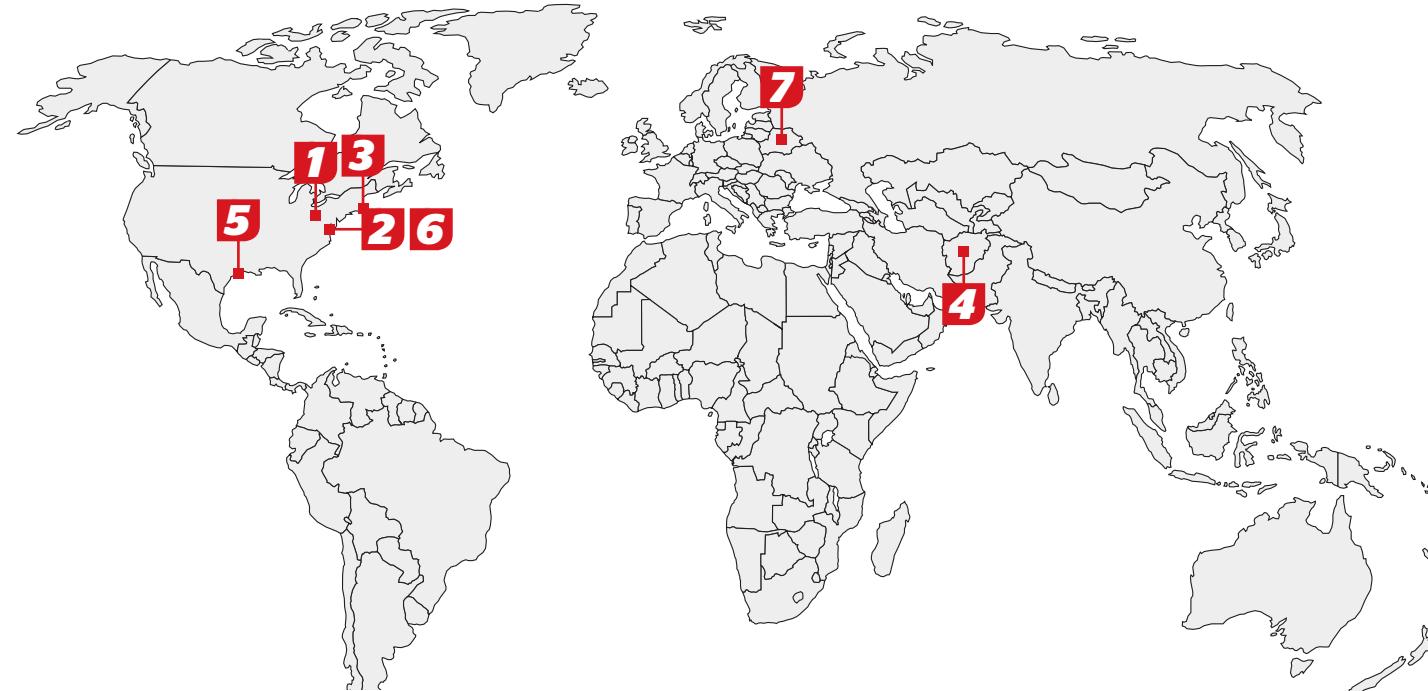
The proposed range was what scientists had recommended during the Bush administration. However, former President George W. Bush personally intervened and set the standard above what was advised after protests from electric utilities and other industries. The Bush standard still was stricter

than the previous smog standard set in 1997.

The Obama administration last year indicated it planned to scrap the Bush smog limits.

Representatives of the oil and gas industries, which said they have already invested \$175 billion toward environmental improvements, were quick to say the proposal lacked "scientific justification."

The proposal "is an obvious politicization of the air quality standard setting process that could mean unnecessary energy cost increases, job losses and less domestic oil and natural gas development and energy security," the American Petroleum Institute said in a statement.



Diet dangers

Dieters can't believe everything they read: The food at many popular chain restaurants and in the freezer section of the supermarket may contain a lot more calories than advertised.

A study of 10 chain restaurants, including Wendy's and Ruby Tuesday, found the number of calories in 29 meals or other menu items was an average of 18 percent higher than listed.

And frozen supermarket meals from Lean Cuisine, Weight Watchers, Healthy Choice and South Beach Living had 8 percent more calories than the labels said, according to the study, published in this month's Journal of the American Dietetic Association.

The researchers and other experts aren't accusing restaurants and food companies of trying to deceive customers. They said most of the discrepancies can be explained by variations in ingredients, portion sizes and testing methods. For example, the teenager behind the counter might have put too much mayonnaise on one sandwich.

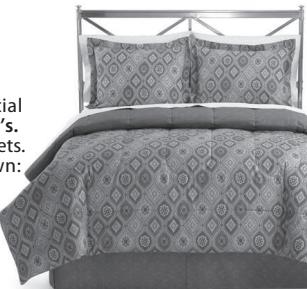


A toast to Santa

7 A merry group of people in the village of Pogost, Belarus, celebrate Koliady on Thursday with sips of vodka. The ancient holiday initially celebrated winter solstice but since has incorporated Christmas and New Year's. GETTY IMAGES PHOTO

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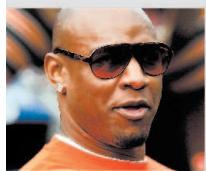
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The son of Bears Hall of Fame running back Walter Payton has signed a deal to play indoor football with the Slaughter.

Jarrett Payton (above) signed for the 2010 season to play at running back for the Slaughter, which will begin Indoor Football League play Feb. 27. The team will be coached by former Bears defensive lineman Steve McMichael, who announced the signing Thursday.

"There is a deep connection between my family and football fans in this town, and I'm proud to begin the next chapter of that relationship," Payton said after signing with the Slaughter. He will wear No. 34 to honor his father.

Jarrett Payton played his college ball at Miami and briefly played for the Tennessee Titans. Payton last played for the Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League.

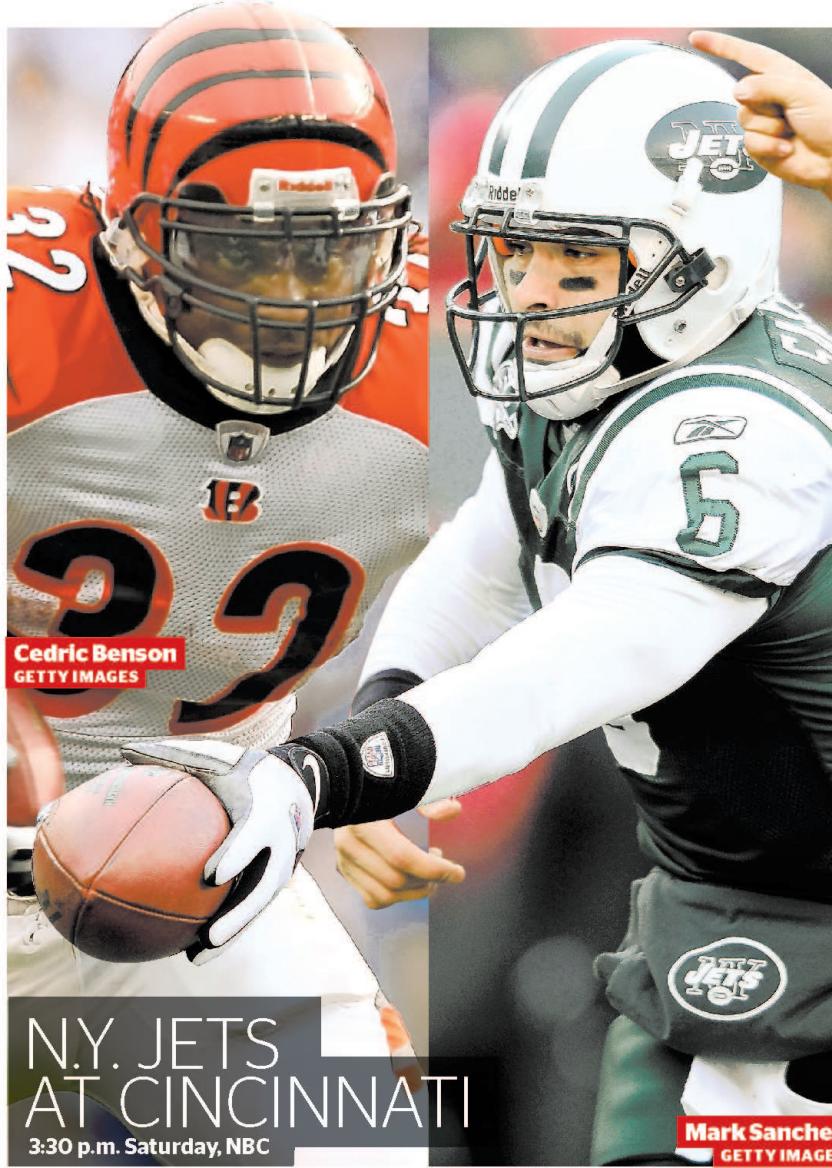
The Slaughter went 14-0 and won the Continental Indoor Football League championship last season. They play their home games at the Sears Centre in Hoffman Estates.

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LET'S GET WILD

The NFL playoffs begin, but not before Whizzer weighs in on the matchups

I promised my bosses I wouldn't mention the Bears in this article. And I'm going to stick by that. Oh, damn. In any case, the NFL playoffs kick off with wild-card weekend Saturday, and I expect things to indeed get wild. Wilder than a Jay Cutler pass ... ooooh, don't tell anyone I said that. Here now, my picks.



N.Y. JETS
AT CINCINNATI

3:30 p.m. Saturday, NBC

The Jets shut out the Bengals on Sunday, but Cincy sat most of its starters, including former Bear Cedric Benson. Crap, I did it again. I try not to associate in any way with the feline family, but the Bengals have the superior team here. Someone cue Survivor's "Eye of the Tiger."

Whizzer's prediction: Cincinnati 27, N.Y. Jets 19



PHILADELPHIA
AT DALLAS

7 p.m. Saturday, NBC

Another rematch of another shutout. On Sunday, the Eagles were grounded in Dallas, getting pounded 24-0. It'd be easy to say the Cowboys will repeat, so I'll say that. Quarterback Tony Romo doesn't have Jessica Simpson weighing him down, and the Cowboys' ground game with Marion Barber and Felix Jones is tough to stop. Unlike the Bears. I didn't say that.

Whizzer's prediction: Dallas 30, Philadelphia 20



Tom Brady
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BALTIMORE AT NEW ENGLAND

Noon Sunday, CBS

Ray Lewis
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Tom Brady won the comeback player of the year award this week, but how tough is it to rehab when you have Gisele Bundchen cheering you on? Glad I got that off my chest. The Brady bunch knows how to win. Hopefully for them, the game won't come down to a fourth-and-2 with the Patriots ahead or else they might be in trouble.

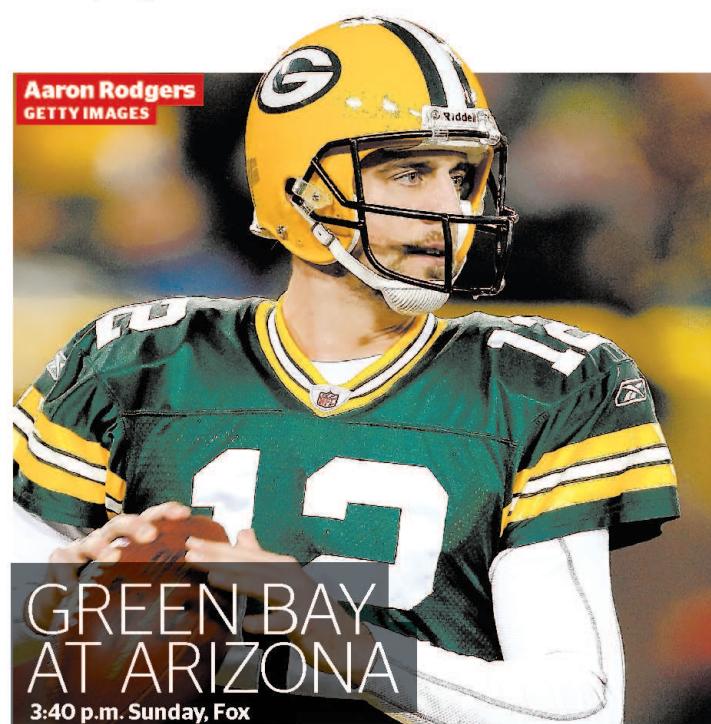
Whizzer's prediction:
New England 17, Baltimore 10

Aaron Rodgers
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GREEN BAY AT ARIZONA

3:40 p.m. Sunday, Fox

Larry Fitzgerald
AP



This game really should irk Bears fans. The Packers are on a roll, winning their final two games by a combined score of 81-17, including Sunday's 33-7 win at Arizona. Yes, it's another rematch ... sorry, I can't take it anymore. Bears. Bears. Bears. Bears. Bears. I feel better now.

Whizzer's prediction:
Green Bay 34, Arizona 31

THE WHIZZER CHALLENGE

You might think predicting the scores and outcomes of football games is easy, but it's not. At least that's what Whizzer says. Try to outdo him by texting "whiz" followed by your four winners and scores to 87708 or by posting your predictions on ChicagoNow at bit.ly/8uqPWT.

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Got change? Not much

Whoa, big changes around here.

Fire that coach, bring in this mope. Yeah, we're keeping the cover-2 defense.

One more time: It's the personnel, people.

I don't care who's wearing the headset—players win these games, and the Bears have few.

Whoops, correction. Bizarre as it seems, I think we have a quarterback. One we can win with.

I say we get Jay Cutler a coordinator who knows how to use him, knows to roll him out. Get him another big receiver to play with Devin Aromashodu. Get him some decent linemen and let's see what happens.

Quick note to Jerry Angelo. For answers to future problems, check your own roster! You may already have the guy on your team. Man, what could have been with Cutler chucking it to D.A. (new abbreviation) all season.

Oh, and I love how the players defended Lovie after the Detroit game. Well, of course they stuck up for him. He never holds them accountable. Heaven forbid we bring in a coach who demands productivity from his players.

I congratulate the Bears. They're so mediocre they may have done the impossible: They may have sucked the passion right out of me.

Let's move on to bright spots.

First, Andre Dawson. Congrats, you're in the Hall of Fame, and you're clean. I was at your best game—you hit three homers against the Phillies in 1987. I hope you're wearing a Cubs cap when your plaque is unveiled. Heck, you were the MVP on a last-place team. Only in Chicago.

Secondly, the Blackhawks. We must be careful here. One part of my brain says there is no way we have a team this good—and this young—in Chicago.

To me, the Blackhawks are like that one girl—you know her, who is so pretty, so smart and her personality is so sweet, it's like she's not real.

Well, I'll just have to dig deeper. There's got to be something wrong with her, er, them. Just give me time to find it.

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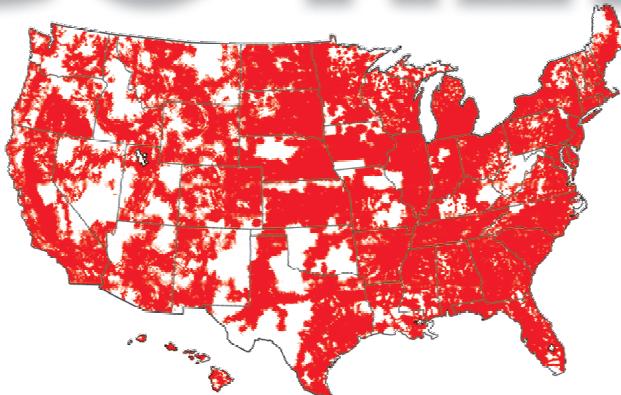


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Bowl bound

The road to the Super Bowl begins Saturday. But this page is a dead end. Lee of Lincoln Park High joins for Facebook Fives. redeyechicago.com/5on5.

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1 What will be the surprise of the NFL playoffs this weekend?	Somehow, the Bears will manage to lose.	The knowledge that Kurt Warner wears a pink-sequined jersey on an upcoming Disney show.	Michael Oher reveals that his birth parents are Nell Carter and a large pickup truck.	Brett Favre will retire from the Vikings and unretire as a Packer. He can alternate weekly with the Jets too.	The Blackhawks won't win. Well, they win everything else.
2 What can the Bears learn by watching the playoffs?	The Sony HDTV is really a superior product.	OK, lay off the Bears. No, really, hit 'em all with layoffs.	The Greco-Roman tradition of beating your opponent	How an offense and coaching are supposed to look.	That "American Idol" starts Tuesday. They'll no doubt see that commercial 131 times.
3 Why are the Bulls and Blackhawks both playing Minnesota teams at the same time Saturday?	The same reason Kennedy had a secretary named Lincoln.	I blame the adMinistration.	Minnesota likes to be double-teamed.	When Bulls fans start crying from disappointment, they can watch the Hawks to cheer them up.	It was a buy-one, get-one-free special.
4 What is Gilbert Arenas going to do now that he's not able to play in the NBA?	Get his degree from the Michael Vick/Sean Avery School for Wayward Boys.	Work on his shooting range?	Teach gun safety to Plaxico Burress.	Maybe he'll start "joking around" with alcohol or pull some "jokes" in jail. See how that works.	Do a shot every time a sportswriter makes a gun joke. There's another and another ...
5 How are you counting down the days until the start of the Winter Olympics?	By flicking icicles off my nose.	With Olympic puns: 1) What do you call an older female athlete? Answer: Vancougar.	Between notches on my bed post and Tiger's mistresses, I don't have time for counting much else.	How many wins the Hawks get before Hossa, Toews, Kane, Keith, Seabrook and Kopecky leave for Olympic teams.	Putting on an extra layer of clothing each day until I have enough to stand Vancouver's cold.



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Gilbert Arenas is ahead of Derrick Rose in All-Star voting. Awww, shoot. NO! I don't mean you, Gilbert! Here now, my TV picks.



NBA
Bulls at Milwaukee

7:30 p.m. CSN

I'm out of Scott Skiles jokes. Just like he is out of hair.



NBA
Denver vs. Cleveland

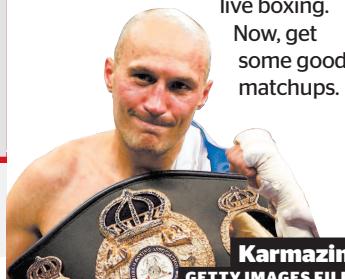
9:30 p.m. ESPN

The King vs. Melo. Sounds like a Japanese monster movie.

BOXING
Roman Karmazin vs. Dionisio Miranda

9 p.m. ESPN2

Kudos to ESPN for trying to bring back live boxing. Now, get some good matchups.



BOSTON Duncan Keith scored two goals and assisted on another to help the Blackhawks rally from a two-goal deficit and beat the Boston Bruins 5-2 on Thursday night for their fifth straight win.

The Bruins opened a 2-0 lead in the first 8:02, but Keith and Tomas Kopecky tied it before the end of the first period. Andrew Ladd gave the Blackhawks the lead 102 seconds into the second, and Keith made it 4-2 midway through the period

to chase U.S. Olympic goalie Tim Thomas.

Thomas stopped 20 of 24 shots before being replaced by Tuukka Rask, who made 11 saves. The only goal he allowed was Patrick Kane's shot from the slot that made it 5-2 with just over two minutes left. Kane has 19 goals on the season and points in 10 straight games.

Antti Niemi made 19 saves to help the Blackhawks retake the top spot in the Western Conference, with 65 points to 63 for idle San Jose.

SCORING MACHINE

The Blackhawks are on a scoring binge, notching at least four goals in eight straight games dating to the last decade. Here they are.

Dec. 26: Blackhawks 4, Nashville 1
Dec. 27: Blackhawks 5, Nashville 4
Dec. 29: Dallas 5, Blackhawks 4
Dec. 31: Blackhawks 5, New Jersey 1

Saturday: Blackhawks 6, St. Louis 3
Sunday: Blackhawks 5, Anaheim 2
Tuesday: Blackhawks 4, Minnesota 1
Thursday: Blackhawks 5, Boston 2

**BACKUP PLANNING**

Beyond the 11 victories in 12 starts, Antti Niemi (left) has made another valuable contribution to the Blackhawks: A fresh Cristobal Huet.

Niemi's play has allowed coach Joel Quenneville to keep No. 1 goaltender Huet well-rested as the season continues at a breakneck pace

with the Olympic break looming in February.

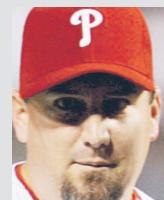
"I feel pretty good," Huet said. "Maybe it's because 'Q' has given more ice time to Antti. It's great going into this month and my legs are looking pretty good."

"Not everybody can say they have a [11-2] record with a backup."



Andre Dawson met with Baseball Hall of Fame Museum officials Thursday in New York before his news conference, but made no

announcement on which cap he will wear on his plaque. A source told the Tribune Dawson would prefer to go in as a Cub.



Scott Eyre, a left-handed reliever who pitched for the Cubs and White Sox during a 13-year career, has decided to retire and

already knows what he's going to do this summer. "We're just going to drive through Utah, Oregon, Yosemite, Idaho," Eyre said.

» Cleveland St. 62, Loyola 57 » Youngstown St. 76, UIC 67
» Northwestern 53, Texas-Pan American 44

TIDE ROLLS TO TITLE

Texas running back Tre' Newton is taken down by the Alabama defense Thursday during the BCS Championship game in Pasadena, Calif. Alabama won, 37-21.

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Garden variety

Six spots vegetarians and their meat-loving friends can agree on

By Carly Fisher

Amid celebrations of bacon and the rising popularity of offal on restaurant menus, it's easy to overlook the needs of the vegetarians among us. But vegetarians want another sad side salad about as much as anyone else wants another serving of seitan. Keep these spots in mind and you'll keep everyone happy with veg-friendly fare and plenty of meat options too.



BOLAT

3346 N. Clark St. 773-665-1100

A vet of the Lakeview dining scene, this mostly Nigerian spot recently reopened after a chic makeover. The renovated space is now split between restaurant and lounge but maintains a casual, intimate atmosphere. The menu's loaded with filling veg options such as peanut soup with fufu (boiled and mashed root veggies rolled into a ball and served with soups or stews).

For vegetarians: Coconut rice with plantains (\$7.50)

For meat eaters: Berber spiced rack of lamb with sweet potato, cognac and chestnut (\$24)



Bolat
BARRY BRECHISEN
FOR METROMIX

LOKAL

1904 W. North Ave. 773-904-8113

Eastern European cuisine isn't noted for its vegetarian dishes, but this Bucktown cafe-lounge adds a modern touch to dishes from across the continent, and that means more veg-friendly fare. Chef Gabriel Miranda is developing vegan dishes to add to the mix.

For vegetarians: Sun-dried tomato, portabella and asparagus pearl barley risotto (\$13)

For meat eaters: Meat trio of braised short ribs, filet mignon and crusted rack of lamb (\$32)

THE FIFTH

600 W. Chicago Ave. 312-644-1500

After opening four restaurants, the folks behind Kitsch'n and Paramount Room have New American fare down to a science. At their newest, the Fifth, they maintain a simple menu of seasonal entrees, nearly half of them vegetarian, and a casual vibe perfect for the after-work crowd and gym rats leaving David Barton Gym downstairs.

For vegetarians: Crisp potato ravioli with cannellini beans, garlic-scented spinach, white wine sauce and parmesan (\$13)
For meat eaters: Steak tartare (\$9)

DMK BURGER BAR

2954 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-360-8686

Suggesting a burger joint for dinner with a vegetarian friend may sound like relationship suicide, but hear us out on this one. In addition to gourmet beef burgers, the team behind this new Lakeview spot took care to add two vegetarian options that would match the flavor and diversity of the rest of the menu. Added bonus: All burgers come standard with vegan buns.

For vegetarians: Veggie and grain burger with aged cheddar, eggplant, tomato and pesto mayo (\$8)

For meat eaters: Burger with aged cheddar, smoked bacon, charred balsamic red onions and Rufus Teague BBQ Sauce (\$8)

LM LE RESTAURANT

4539 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-942-7585

Fine dining—especially French fine dining—is often a challenge for vegetarians. But LM co-owner Stephan Outrequin Quaisser says his new Lincoln Square restaurant strives to include at least two vegetarian entrees (on a lineup that usually numbers about 10) and always will try to accommodate vegans.

For vegetarians: Black truffle risotto with celeriac, chestnuts and celery sprouts (\$19)

For meat eaters: Beef cheek bourguignon with pearl onions, lardons, mushrooms and potato puree (\$23)

MACELLO

1235 W. Lake St. 312-850-9870

This recently reopened Italian restaurant (it was closed for most of 2009 after a fire) in the heart of the meatpacking district manages to keep a few of the classic Southern Italian dishes green, and if all else fails, there's always a veg pizza option from the wood-fired oven.

For vegetarians: Orecchiette con cime di rapa, Puglian ear-shaped pasta with rapini, garlic, olive oil and red pepper flakes (\$15)

For meat eaters: Lamb chops al forno, lamb chop casserole over risotto with cherry tomatoes and white wine sauce (\$29)

best bets

By Rebecca Palmore
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Elvis Birthday Bash

Orso's, 1401 N. Wells St.
312-787-6604

Salute the King on his 75th birthday with an optional party package of wine, beer and pizza (\$20; \$15 if you dress in costume), plus an Elvis impersonator, music and giveaways. 5 p.m. No cover.

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Aspen Ski Lodge Party

Faith & Whiskey, 1365 W. Fullerton Ave. 773-248-9119

Bundle up—you were going to anyway, right?—with '80s flair for a ski lodge-themed costume contest (1 a.m.) with a \$100 cash prize. DJ Sasha spins. 9 p.m. No cover.

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Chopin Theatre, 1543 W. Division St.
773-278-1500

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Music Box Theatre,
3733 N. Southport Ave.
773-871-6604

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BIG CHICKS

\$5 cheeseburgers, half-price select appetizers (5-10 p.m.); 5024 N. Sheridan Rd. 773-728-5511.

BLUE LINE

\$5 appetizers 3-7 p.m.; 1548 N. Damen Ave. 773-395-3700.

THE CALL

\$4 Bacardi cocktails, DJ Oskar spins 9 p.m.-2 a.m.; 1547 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. 773-334-2525.

CIRCUIT

8 p.m.: Circuit Girl LOL. Catch some laughs with local comedians at this monthly party. Drink specials include \$5-\$7 Sobieski vodka cocktails. \$5-\$10; 3641 N. Halsted St. 773-325-2233.

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\$4 Amstel Light bottles, \$5 bombs and shots, \$8.95 fish and chips, \$5 pub burger with fries, \$6 chicken sandwich with fries (11 a.m.-3 p.m.); 1615 N. Wells St. 312-440-0885.

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\$5 Absolut cocktails, \$100 Absolut bottle service, DJs spin 9 p.m.; 1575 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-227-7990.

DELILAH'S

\$3 Labatt Blue cans and Maker's Mark shots; 2771 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-472-2771.

DIVISION ALE HOUSE

\$4 Lagunitas IPA drafts; 1942 W. Division St. 773-384-6886.

FAITH & WHISKEY

Complimentary pizza and wings (5-8 p.m.), \$5 Jim Beam cocktails; 1365 W. Fullerton Ave. 773-248-9119.

FIZZ BAR & GRILL

\$5 Jameson cocktails, half-price appetizers (before 8 p.m.); 3220 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-348-6088.

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FLATWATER

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\$4 312 drafts; 1934 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-871-3757.

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\$5 Skyy cocktails, \$10 Bud Light and Miller Lite pitchers; 3441 N. Halsted St. 773-348-9696.

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\$2 Hamm's cans; 1059 N. Wolcott Ave. 773-486-1512.

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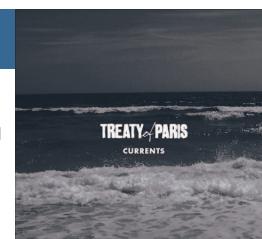
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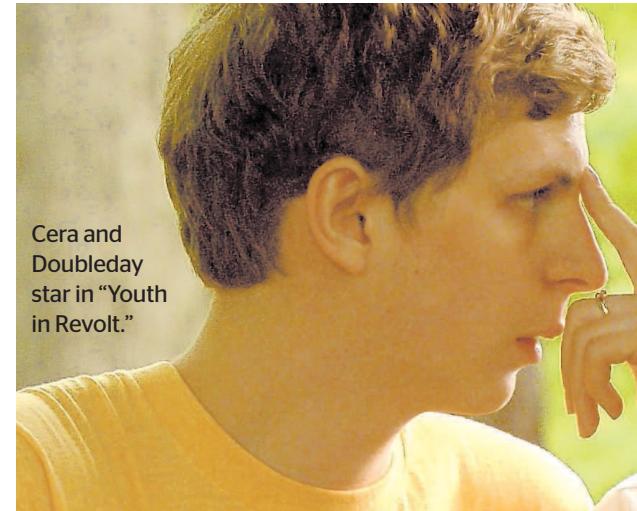
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Michael Cera and Portia Doubleday photographed at The James Hotel.

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Cera and Doubleday star in "Youth in Revolt."

Michael Cera releases his inner badass while wooing the girl in 'Youth in Revolt'

By Matt Pais | METROMIX

Michael Cera doesn't know when he's going to start filming "Arrested Development: The Movie."

The actors need a screenplay first, which he hopes will be written this year. In the meantime, Cera continues to tweak his masterful command of playing awkward teenagers in comedies of varying hipster appeal.

In "Youth in Revolt," opening Friday, Cera stars as gawky Nick Twisp, whose only way to reunite with his mysterious summer fling, Sheeni Saunders (Portia Doubleday), is to get booted from his mom's house. So Nick creates an alter ego—a confident, cultured troublemaker named Francois Dillinger—and attempts to reinvent himself as a fearless bad boy. The film is based on C.D. Payne's popular novel.

At the James Hotel, Cera and Doubleday, both 21, chatted about the worst trouble they ever got into and if the film really will make viewers see Cera as a badass.



IN THE MAKING

We gave Michael Cera some plot possibilities for the "Arrested Development" movie, and he answered with a "Yes," "No" or "Maybe" to tell us if he thought they might happen in the film.

George Michael and Maeby hook up: "Maybe. But only 'cause 'Maeby' was in the question."

Anyang plays a starring role: "Hopefully."

The entire plot revolves around **ImOscar.com**: "Possibly."



George Michael is a lot buffer: "Yes."

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out your shoes.

PD: That's true. That would be kind of awkward, to walk outside in a storm without your shoes on. Like run barefoot.

MC: You could get to your car but then wherever you're going to drive to you're going to need shoes. You're kind of helpless without shoes.

Michael, you've been here a few times in the last few years. What are your favorite places in Chicago?

MC: I like Old Town. And Wicker Park. I like those areas. I've just walked around there and found them to be really nice. A lot of trees and I got a good vibe over there.

Any bars or restaurants?

MC: No. I went to Second City there. That was fun. I don't [remember] any restaurants that I went to. It's a nice neighborhood, Old Town. Really nice. There's a lot of good food over there.

If you could do one thing here before you left, what would it be?

PD: I've never been here, so ...

MC: Go to a Second City show I think.

PD: Just take a walk.

MC: Lincoln Park Zoo?

PD: Anywhere. I like being in a new environment and just to be able to explore by myself.

At what age will you want to stop playing teenagers?

MC: 38.

PD: I don't have any problem with stopping at any point.

Michael, what roles will you move onto at 38?

MC: I'm going to start playing 70-year-olds when I turn 38. I never want to play my own age. The thought of it disgusts me.

How much was Francois influenced by Steve Urkel's suave alter ego Stefan Urquelle on "Family Matters"?

MC: Stefan Urquelle, wow. Good reference. Hugely, I'd say. Hugely. That's a really good reference. That's kind of when the show got crazy, isn't it? It started off being just a regular show, and then all of a sudden he had a machine where he could change [his personality]. "Wait a minute, what's going on here?"

I'm sure it was relatable to all middle-class families ...

MC: It was so mind-blowing, wasn't it? **PD:** I don't even know what you guys are talking about. "Full House"?

MC: No, "Family Matters." Urkel.

PD: Oh, yes, yes, yes, that's right.

MC: Urkel transformed himself into like a stud. And it was really mind-blowing to see Jaleel White ... all of a sudden you're like, "Whoa, this guy's charming" ... it was totally an act.

How much will people see a badass side of you in "Youth in Revolt" and say, "Who is this guy?"

MC: I don't know. Hopefully it's as impressive as Jaleel White's performance. I miss Jaleel White.

What do you like about the love story in "Youth in Revolt"?

MC: I like that they're not typical teenagers. It's kind of obvious why they connect because they really don't fit in with anyone their own age and they really don't fit in with their families. So they have a lot in common, even though they

really mess with each other.

What would each of you do if someone actually told you, as Sheeni tells Nick, to be bad—be very, very bad?

PD: I think I'd be bad.

MC: I'd break their nose.

What's the most trouble either one of you has gotten into?

MC: I got driven home by the cops one night for making prank phone calls at my friend's house when I was 12.

Do you remember what you said?

MC: No, but I remember the guy was really freaked out. The guy we were calling. He was scared. But I don't think it was because of us. ... He was a paranoid guy. We had to write him a letter of apology. Yeah, [the cops] drove me home at like 4 in the morning.

Did they have words of advice?

MC: No, they were just bored. There was not much going on. They told us to never do it again.

Did you?

MC: Eventually ... It freaked me out 'cause I didn't know they could trace the calls. We blocked the number, but we called the same guy twice. That's why he was able to trace it. It's a scary thing because you're so dependent on your anonymity when you're making prank phone calls. It would be like somebody who writes on the Internet having their identity revealed. Once your anonymity is taken away you're like naked.

The movie makes people think of the most extreme thing they ever did for a guy or girl. What's yours?

MC: I kidnapped a girl's dog. And then I pretended like I saved its life.

How did that work out?

MC: She was really grateful. We dated for like a week after that.

Doesn't David Spade do that in the movie "Lost and Found"?

MC: Maybe. I hope they didn't steal that from my experience. I know that "Tommy Boy" was stolen from my life.

Which part?

MC: The whole thing. True story.

Portia?

PD: There's been times where I've deliberately hidden ... [Laughs] like gotten into an argument with a boyfriend and I just deliberately hide things that I know he needs to either leave ...

MC: Keys?

PD: Keys or wallet ... or phone ...

MC: Car?

PD: Yeah, steal their car, smash it ...

MC: Shoes? You're pretty helpless with-



QUICK PICK

'Youth In Revolt' R

Who's in it: Michael Cera, Portia Davenport, Jean Smart, Steve Buscemi, Zach Galifianakis, Steve Buscemi, Ray Liotta, Justin Long, Fred Willard.

What it's about: An aspiring writer, Sinatra devotee and hopeless virgin, bullied teen Nick Twisp (Michael Cera) is quietly resigned to the fact that he'll have to

wait out his torturous high-school years before his life can really begin. When he meets Sheeni (Davenport), the lovestruck Nick conjures up an alter ego, Francois Dillinger (also played by Cera), who constantly encourages Nick to engage in rebellious behavior.

Worth watching? "Youth in Revolt" finds plenty of mayhem to take advantage of Cera's against-type performance." **RENE RODRIGUEZ, THE MIAMI HERALD**

THE CERA SHORE

Michael Cera plays against type in his latest film, "Youth in Revolt," hiding the awkward, nerdy kid fans have come to love in films such as "Superbad" and "Juno." He's been a little rebel promoting the film, too:

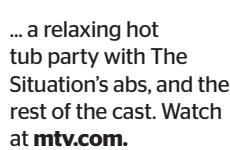
» In a series of promos that were to air on MTV Thursday, Cera appears with the cast of "Jersey Shore."



First, D.J. Pauly D gives Cera a Jersey-style 'do, and then ...



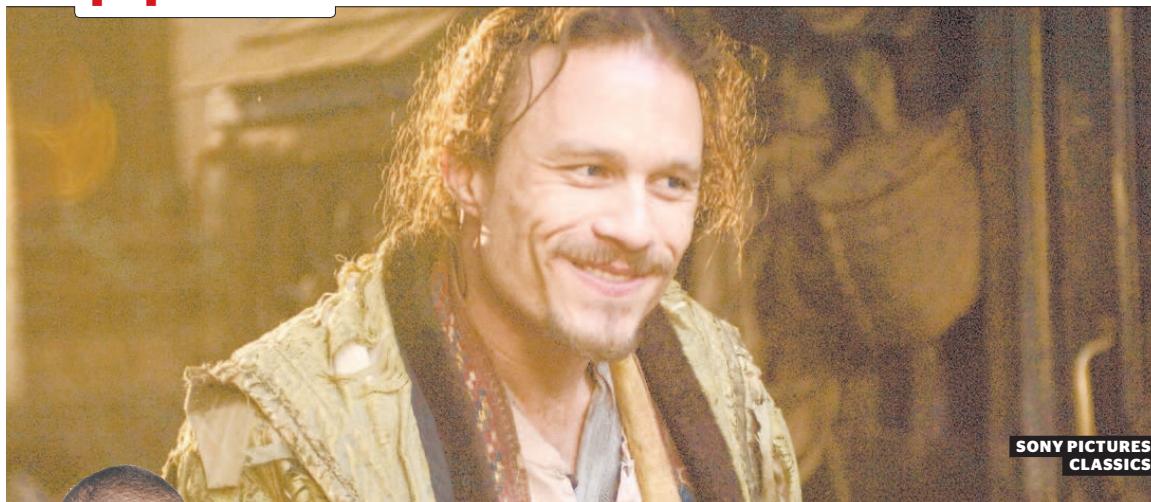
... cast members teach Cera how to properly fist pump, followed by ...



... a relaxing hot tub party with The Situation's abs, and the rest of the cast. Watch at mtv.com.



» Cera swallows pills and hallucinates in the trippy video for "No You Don't" by the band Islands. Watch at myspace.com/islands.



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'The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus' (PG-13)

On the shambling traveling carnival ride dubbed "The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus," the price of a ticket earns you passage through a mirror where a magical world crafted by your own imagination lies on the other side. Back in reality, immortal Dr. Parnassus (Christopher Plummer) fears for himself and his daughter Valentina (Lily Cole), whose colleague (Andrew Garfield) worries mysterious stranger Tony (Heath Ledger) will steal Valentina's heart.

The buzz: Ledger's death during shooting doesn't appear to have affected the story a great deal, as the film's batty logic makes the assists by Johnny Depp, Jude Law and Colin Farrell (as other versions of Tony) work well enough. At the very least "Parnassus" should be a more engaging parade of technical wizardry than "The Lovely Bones" or "Avatar."

The verdict: If "The Wizard of Oz" and "Alice in Wonderland" took LSD and tried to write a movie it would probably turn out like "Doctor Parnassus," a dizzy spell of visual fantasy and rickety plotting. Director Terry Gilliam can't help but get tangled in all the threads of unrequited love and individual imaginations and deals with the devil, none of which add up to a whole lot. Of course, I'd rather get lost in a filmmaker's warped mind than spend a second in the head of a director with nothing up there.

**MOTION PICTURE
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■ Leap Year (PG) 2:30,5:10,7:40,10:20
■ AMC Select Nine (PG-13) 1:45,4:45,7:45,10:30
■ It's Complicated (R) 1:00,4:00,7:15,10:10
■ Sherlock Holmes (PG-13) 2:00,4:20,7:30,10:35
■ AMC Select Up in the Air (R) 2:00,5:00,8:00,10:50
■ Did You Hear (PG-13) 10:00 P.M.
■ Avatar 3D (PG-13) 3:15,7:00,10:40
■ Invictus (PG-13) 3:45,6:45

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2828 North Clark St., Chicago
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■ Nine (PG-13) 1:45,4:35,7:25,10:10
■ A Single Man (R) 2:00,4:00,7:40,10:15
■ Crazy Heart (R) 1:55,4:45,7:30,10:05
■ Broken Embraces (R) 1:15,4:10,7:05,10:00
■ Young Victoria (PG) 1:30,4:15,7:10,9:40
■ Fantastic Fox (PG) 1:50,4:50,7:15,9:30
■ A Serious Man (R) 4:20,9:50
■ An Education (PG-13) 1:40,7:00

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■ Avatar (PG-13) 11:30,3:00,6:30,10:00
■ Princess-Frog (G) 11:45,2:10,4:45,7:10,9:40
■ Brothers (R) 11:15,2:15,4:15,7:15,10:15
■ Twilight: Moon (PG-13) 10:45,2:20,4:30,6:30,8:30,10:45
■ The Goonies (PG) 12:00,2:00,4:00,6:00,8:00,10:45

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)

4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago
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■ Sherlock Holmes (PG-13) 4:30,7:10,9:50
■ Nine (PG-13) 5:00,7:15,9:30
■ Up in the Air (R) 5:00,7:20,9:45
■ Invictus (PG-13) 4:50,7:30,10:10

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■ Squeakquel (PG) 11:00,12:10,1:20,2:30,3:40,4:45,6:00,7:00,8:10,9:20,10:25
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■ Avatar (PG-13) 11:40,1:30,3:00,5:00,6:30,8:30,9:50
■ Princess-Frog (G) 11:30,12:45,1:55,3:10,4:10,5:30,7:50,10:05
■ Ninja Assassin (R) 11:35,2:05,4:30,7:05,9:30
■ Twilight: Moon (PG-13) 11:00,1:40,4:25,7:10,10:00
■ AMC Select Precious: Novel (R) 6:40,9:10
■ The Blind Side (PG-13) 11:10,2:00,4:50,7:45,10:10
■ 2012 (PG-13) 11:20,2:50,6:20,9:40

GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER

164 State Street
(312) 846-2800
■ Wild River (NR) 6:00
■ The Sun (NR) 6:00,8:15
■ Until the Light (NR) 8:15

LOGAN THEATRE

2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago
(773) 252-0628
■ Princess-Frog (G) 2:05,4:10,6:20,8:30
■ Armored (PG-13) 2:00,4:05,6:05,8:10
■ Where the Wild (PG) 2:10,20,6:30,8:40
■ Twilight: Moon (PG-13) 2:05,5:40,8:20

MUSIC BOX

3733 N. Southport, Chicago
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■ Imaginarium (PG-13) 4:30,7:00,9:30
■ Killing Kasz (NR) 5:00,7:45
■ Where the Wild (PG) 12:00, Midnight
■ The Goonies (PG) 12:00, Midnight

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■ AMC Select Imaginarium (PG-13) 1:50,4:40,7:30,10:15
■ 3 Idiots (NR) 2:50,6:10,9:30
■ AMC Select The Road (R) 5:10,10:30
■ AMC Select Precious: Novel (R) 2:30,7:50

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■ Daybreakers (R) 11:15,2:05,4:50,7:40,10:30
■ AMC Select Imaginarium (PG-13) 10:05,2:15,5:30,8:45,12:00
■ Leap Year (PG) 10:30,1:30,1:25,2:25,4:20,5:20,7:15,8:15,10:10,11:10
■ AMC Select Nine (PG-13) 10:20,1:40,4:40,7:35,9:45,10:35
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■ 2012 (PG-13) 11:20,2:50,6:20,9:40

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7000 Carpenter Rd., Chicago
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■ Daybreakers (R) ★ 11:30,2:20,5:20,8:00,10:25,12:55
■ Imaginarium (PG-13) ★ 9:30,12:20,3:20,6:20,9:10,12:01
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■ It's Complicated (R) 10:30,12:15,1:20,3:10,4:20,6:10,7:10,9:00,10:05,11:55,12:50
■ Nine (PG-13) 10:00,12:50,4:00,6:50,9:45,12:40
■ Sherlock Holmes (PG-13) 10:15,1:15,4:15,6:15,7:15,9:15,10:15,12:15
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■ Brothers (R) 4:05 P.M.
■ Twilight: Moon (PG-13) 10:45,4:30,10:15
■ The Blind Side (PG-13) 11:35,2:40,5:45,8:40,11:40
■ 2012 (PG-13) 2:30,6:15,9:45

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■ Sherlock Holmes (PG-13) 1:15,4:15,7:15,10:15
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■ Princess-Frog (G) 1:40,4:10,6:40,9:00
■ Invictus (PG-13) 1:10,4:10,6:50,9:15
■ The Blind Side (PG-13) 1:00,4:00,6:50,9:15
■ Twilight: Moon (PG-13) 7:40,10:40
■ 2012 (PG-13) 1:10,4:30,8:00,10:45

'Leap Year' (PG)

So desperate is Anna (Amy Adams) to get engaged to her boyfriend of four years (Adam Scott) that she follows him on a work trip to Dublin, where she intends to perpetuate an age-old tradition about women being allowed to propose to their men on Feb. 29. Believe it or not, her haphazard trip connects her with a charming lad (Matthew Goode) whose salty demeanor and good heart may prove that he's the real Mr. Right.

The verdict: Will the romantic comedy formula ever get with the times? Adams' sweetness just can't sink to the level of stupidity called for in the script by Deborah Kaplan and Harry Elfont, who also knocked women back a few decades in "Made of Honor." The performers, all pleasant in theory, just seem to be doing impressions of dumb movie characters.

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**ALSO OUT
'Daybreakers' (R)**

Who's in it: Ethan Hawke, Willem Dafoe, Michael Dorman and Sam Neill
What it's about: The year is 2019, and the world population is 90 percent vampire, who hunt the few human survivors for their "Matrix"-y industrial blood farms. A sympathetic vampire hematologist (Hawke) runs across some human rebels, which leads to increasing scenes of outlandishness.

Worth watching?

"The average human body holds approximately 1.5 gallons of blood. Unless you're someone in the film "Daybreakers." Then you're carrying closer to 47 gallons, 46 of which will end up splattered on a wall ... "Daybreakers" gets a C+ for effort, but an A- for over-the-top carnage."

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■ The Blind Side (PG-13) 10:11,25,1:15,2:15,3:15,4:15,5:15,6:15,7:15,8:15,9:15,10:15
■ Twilight: Moon (PG-13) 1:30,4:30,7:40,10:40
■ 2012 (PG-13) 2:30,6:15,9:45

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■ Sherlock Holmes (PG-13) VIP Premium 21+ 11:20,2:20,5:15,8:15,11:15

■ Avatar 3D (PG-13) VIP Premium 21+ 12:00,3:30,7:00,10:30

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■ Sherlock Holmes (PG-13) 1:45,4:30,7:15,10:00
■ It's Complicated (R) 1:30,4:15,7:00,9:35
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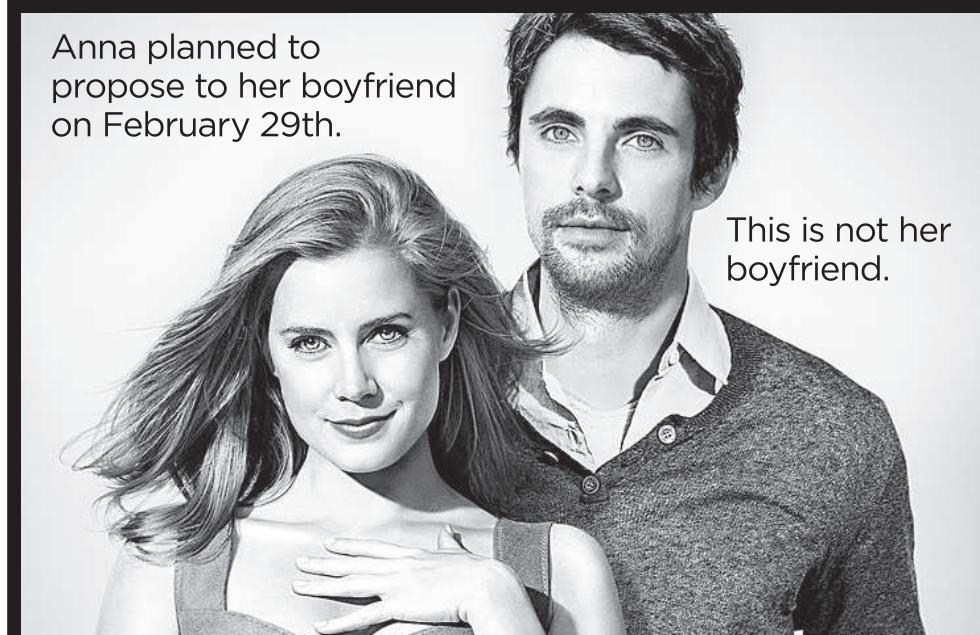
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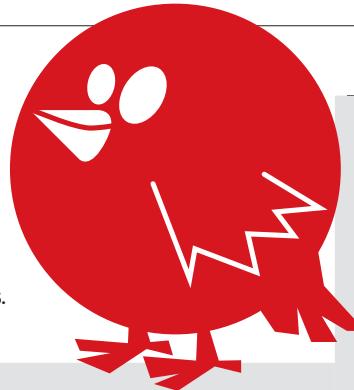
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THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG

@iaman
The Princess and the Frog was pretty good! Great to see traditional animation again, but they glossed over racial tensions.

@a_leprechaun
Princess & Frog: pure Disney. It's like the early 90s are here again!

UP IN THE AIR

@vaughn chicago
"Up in the Air" was a funny, smart, adult movie. The mix of drama & humor makes it well worth the frequent flyer miles.

@danheinz
up in the air was impressive, clooney is charming, and his costar as well. The cinematography and story are great. A Must see

AVATAR

@jalant
Avatar-IMAX/3D UHH.MAZ.ING Don't care if it was 3hrs-I could of sat there all day-Truly sets the bar high for things to come.

@MarkBeers
Avatar - Don't wait for DVD. Go to see it in 3D.



SHERLOCK HOLMES

@iaman
Sherlock Holmes: Awesome, but cannon fodder for Holmes/Watson slash fiction.

@Gourmet Lawyer
Sherlock Holmes. Foreshadowing great. Law and Downey Jr. gd back and forth. Action more imp. than story. Sequel soon.



Alec Baldwin in
'It's Complicated'
UNIVERSAL PICTURES

IT'S COMPLICATED

@word_czar
"It's Complicated": Great mix of broad gags, nuanced humor. Charming Streep, audacious Baldwin & a subtle (!) Steve Martin.

@kapgar
It's Complicated - Streep is divorcee falling for Martin while in affair with ex Baldwin. Confused kids and laughs ensue.

@erincropper
Saw "It's Complicated" - it was a fantastic movie; equal parts funny and thoughtful, with a dash of cheesy thrown in.

OTHER FLICKS

@Rythemovieguy

Crazy Heart: We all "Heart" Jeff Bridges and he absolutely shines in this performance as Bad Blake. The music rocks as well!

@princesskate02

Was not a fan of Disney's Christmas Carol. Excessively dark. Wouldn't suggest for young children. I'm 24 and I was scared!

@deg08

The Blind Spot: weepy and slightly long/ the kid in the movie steals the show

@vaughnchicago

"Did you hear about the Morgans?" Oh, you'll wish you hadn't. It's a romantic comedy that is neither. Just save your money.

@whythulc

Brothers: Emotionally stunning, great acting, and not pushy about its conclusion (which is rare for this type of movie).

@kaycan

Alvin & Chimpunks. Songs - Cute & up2date. Adult element (gyrating chimpettes) not so much. fell asleep 3X. 1.59 stars.

@stpdfrsh

In my opinion Nine was an awesome musical w/ beautiful women & great acting. Very much overlooked



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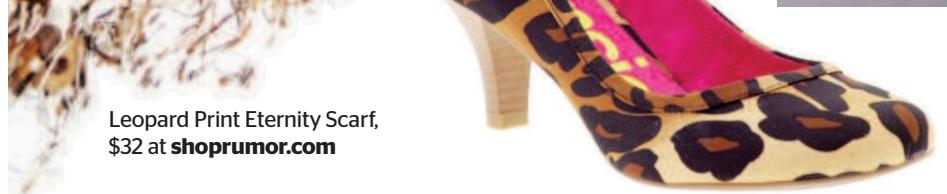
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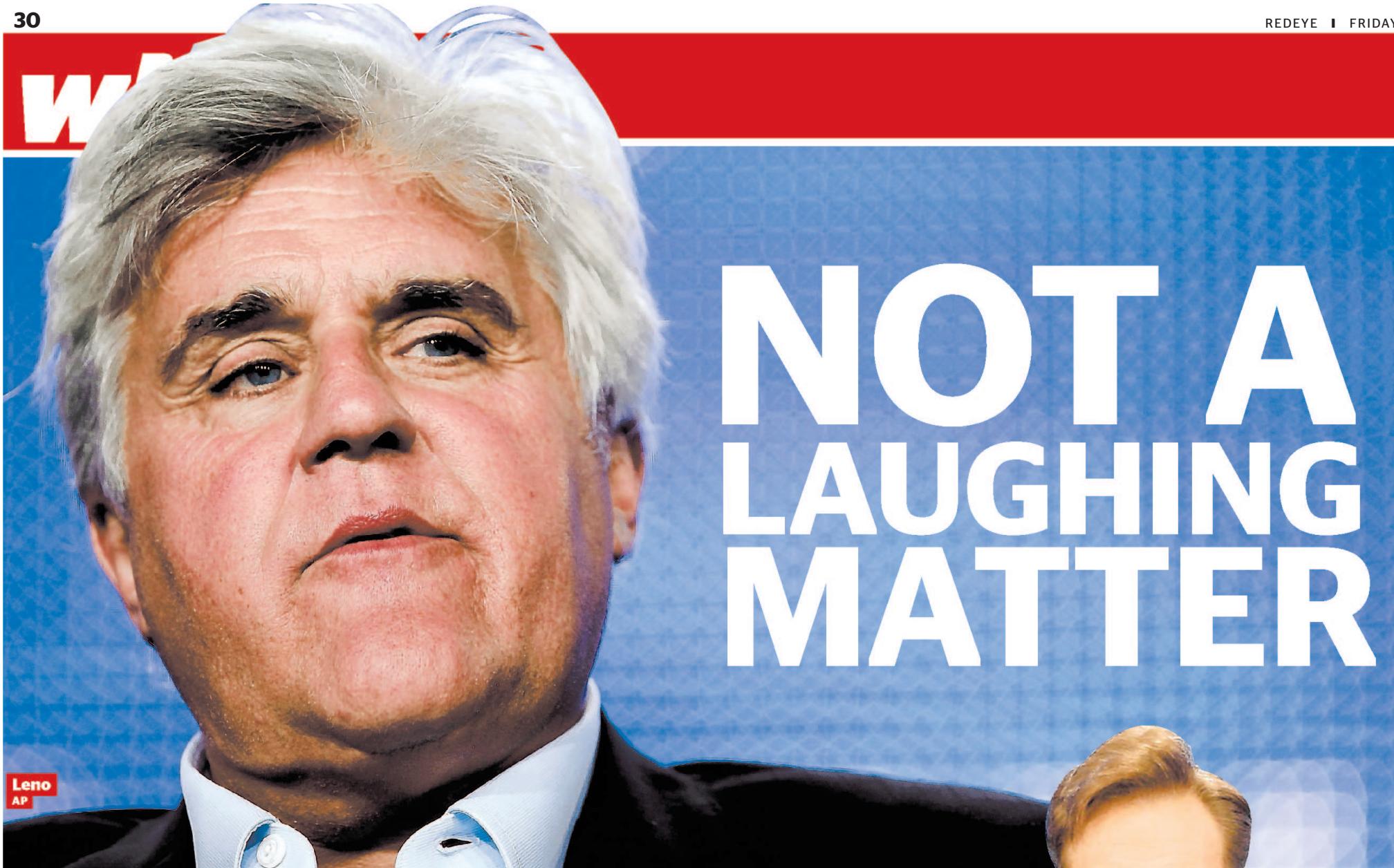
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AMID LOW RATINGS AND RUMORS OF A SHUFFLE, NBC SAYS IT BACKS JAY, CONAN



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NBC's big experiment to give Jay Leno a prime-time talk show five nights a week has failed.

And that's no rumor.

Now, whether NBC has decided to pull the plug on Leno's 9 p.m. talker is not so clear. TMZ reports that the network plans to give the 10:35 p.m. "Tonight Show" back to Leno, thus pushing current host, the clever Conan O'Brien, out into the cold. The New York Times, citing NBC officials, says the network is considering moving Leno back to his old job.

The Leno experiment is a big stink bomb for the fourth-ranked network. The unfunny Leno has lost viewers in the time slot, which has NBC affiliates complaining because he's not giving local news programs a strong lead-in. NBC said Thursday that it is working to boost Leno's ratings and help the affiliates.

"Both Jay and the show are committed to working closely with them [the affiliates] to find ways to

improve the performance," an NBC spokeswoman said in a statement.

The Leno lead-in, which averaged 4.73 million viewers the week of Dec. 21-27, according to Nielsen, causes a snowball effect. Not only are news ratings down, but O'Brien has been getting clobbered by David Letterman's "Late Show," which rarely happened when Leno helmed "The Tonight Show."

During his monologue Thursday, Leno addressed the "rumor floating around that we were canceled. So far, no one has said anything to me."

On Thursday night, NBC issued another statement, this one expressing the network's commitment "to keeping Conan O'Brien on NBC. He is a valued part of our late-night lineup." Let's hope so.



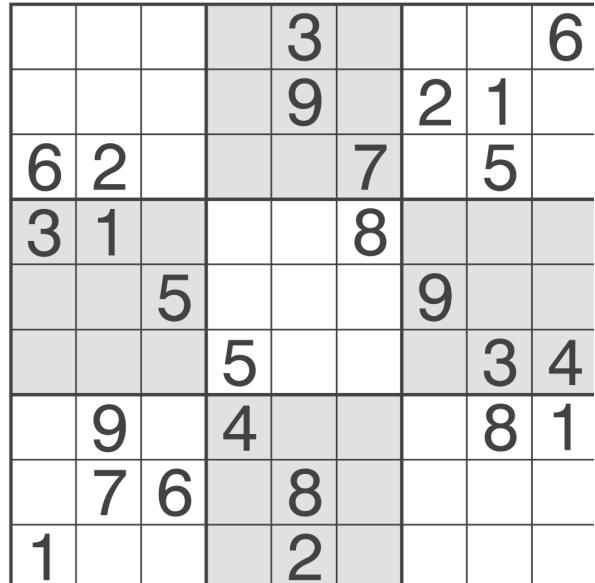
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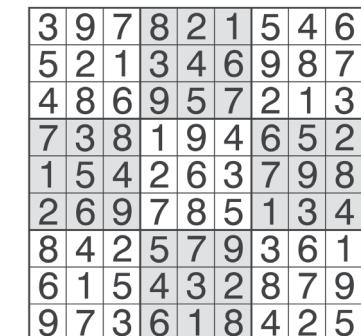
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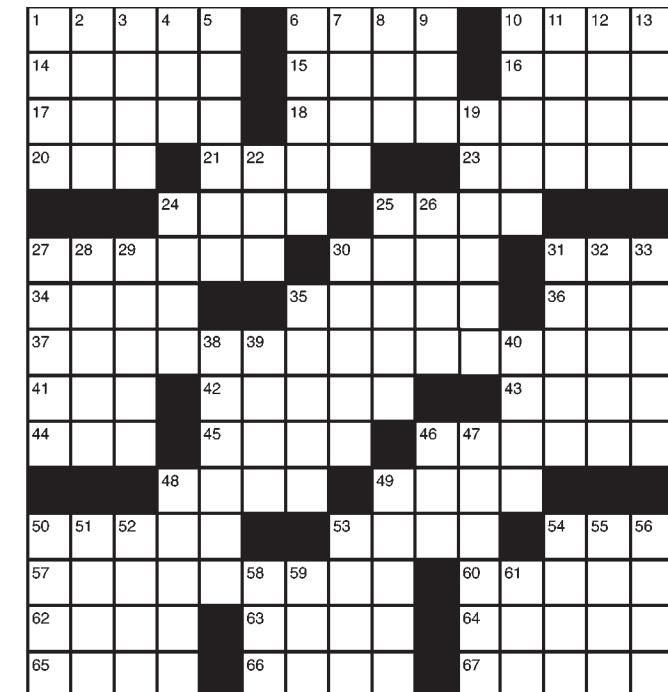
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 - That girl
 - "Woe is me!"
 - "Blue _ Shoes"
 - Heavy weight
 - Not evasive
 - Peg for Tiger
 - Perf
 - Conceal
 - Go astray
 - No _ thing as a free lunch
 - Sidestepped
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 - Seaweeds
 - Steep
 - Nourished
 - Rural area
 - Venice's nation
 - Like Yul & Telly
 - Speaker's spot
 - Sound
 - Combines
 - TV show award
 - Punctured
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 - Microwave —
 - Baseball score
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 - Very small
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Lil Jesus

Lil Wayne is set to play Jesus. But, wait, according to CNN.com, he will be "a guy named Jesus" and not the actual son of God. Wayne will voice the animated character for the upcoming Adult Swim special "Return of Freaknik" produced by fellow musician T-Pain. A spokesperson for Adult Swim left some mystery in the air by telling CNN "Lil Wayne's character is still evolving."



Toasting and toasted

Blame the bubbly. That's how Mariah Carey explains her out-there acceptance speech at Tuesday's Palm Springs International Film Festival, The Associated Press reports. "We had splashes of Champagne, and I love Lee, but he's a bad influence," the singer said Wednesday, referring to Lee Daniels, her director in "Precious." Mimi also says she didn't eat enough.



Lil Wayne
MCT FILE



8.6 million

Number of DVDs "The Hangover" has sold since its Dec. 15 release, making it the all-time best-selling comedy on DVD.



Cowell

DeGeneres

Scolding Simon

Ellen DeGeneres will not be afraid to put Simon Cowell in his place on "American Idol." The new judge tells Entertainment Weekly: "Simon really is, in my opinion, mean to people sometimes. So I think I'll be hard [as a judge], but if he's rude, I'm going to let him know he's rude." As for Cowell, he tells Ellen: "And I may disagree with you," adding that being polite would be "uncomfortable."



Evan Rachel Wood
and Marilyn Manson
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New Manson family?

Marilyn Manson and Evan Rachel Wood are set to be legally united, several celeb Web sites are reporting. Reps for the 41-year-old shock rocker and 22-year-old "True Blood" actress are mum on the matter, however.

Consider them lost episodes

"Lost" simply "ran out of ideas." Co-creator Damon Lindelof admits some of the past episodes weren't up to snuff. He tells the Hollywood Reporter: "Look, it would be nice to look back and say, 'We love every episode of 'Lost' and every episode turned out the way we wanted it to.' There are [bleep] episodes of 'Lost' that we wish we had never written."

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